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SUBJECT: EX-PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS AND CENTER UNION
LEADER MAVROS CENSURE REGIME'S ACTION ON VRADYNI

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1. REFERRING TO GOG ACTION EXTENDING VRADYNI SUSPENSION FOR ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS, FORMER PREMIER CONSTANTINE KARAMANLIS IS REPORTED IN FOREIGN PRESS AS SAYING "REGIME'S ARBITRARY ACTION REVEALS MORE BROADLY THE REGIME'S INTENTIONS AND VINDICATES THOSE WHO RECEIVED ITS PROMISES WITH RESERVE." KARAMANLIS ADDED THAT IT HAD BECOME CLEAR THAT REGIME WAS "DELIBERATELY TRYING TO RENDER IMPOSSIBLE" RESTORATION OF NORMALITY. STATEMENT IS FIRST COMMENT ON NOVEMBER 25 REGIME BY KARAMANLIS WHOSE SUPPORT FROM VRADYNI PUBLISHER G. ATHANASSIADES REPORTEDLY WAS MAJOR OBSTACLE TO VRADYNI'S RESUMING PUBLICATION.

2. IN SEPARATE STATEMENT CENTER UNION TITULAR LEADER GEORGE MAVROS, RECENTLY RELEASED FROM DETENTION ON YIAROS (ATHENS 2930), CHARACTERIZED BAN ON VRADYNI AS ABSURD ARBITRARY ACTION AT TIME WHEN "HAIR-RAISING PUBLIC SCANDALS ARE ROCKING NATION." MAVROS POINTED OUT "INSTEAD OF RESTORING PRESS FREEDOM TO LET PRESS CONTRIBUTE TO CLEANISNG OF THIS STIFLING ATMOSPHERE, NEWSPAPERS ARE

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MUZZLED AND TERRORIZED. THE UNCONTROLLED EXERCISE OF POWER

IS A SOURCE OF CORRUPTION."

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